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Dear Sir:

Mr Kelly, Supervisor of the Border Patrol has asked that I keep him advised as to the possibility of holding the National Rifle and Pistol Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio this year. The attached page torn from the March issue, American Rifleman Magazine would indicate the Matches were to be held. The American Rifleman Magazine is the official publication of the National Rifle Association. Since the appropriation for the National Matches is included in the War Department Appropriation Bill, C.B. Lister, Secretary of the National Rifle Association told me recently, in Florida that the National Matches were practically assured.

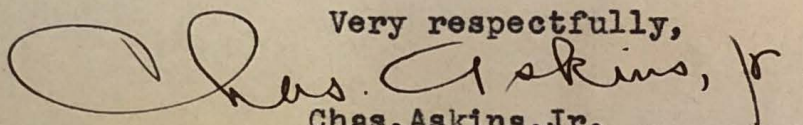
The National Rifle and Pistol Matches are the largest and most important competitions fired in the United States. The Matches are always held from about the 22nd of August until the 12th of September. This period covers approximately three weeks, the first week of this period is given to a school of firearms instruction for all persons in attendance. Police officers are enrolled in a special school of police training which is absolutely the finest police training school in the United States. The aim of the police training is to make an instructor of the officer that he may return to his station and impart what he has learned to his brother officers. The last two weeks of the period at Camp Perry is given over to match shooting. The pistol match program is the finest shot anywhere and of course any matches won carry the prestige of National Wins.

Regarding the Training Course of Fire for all Border Patrol Officers for a one year period as requested by Mr Kelly. I have written L.M. Bair, Small Arms Instructor of the Pennsylvania State Constabulary and an authority on group training of law officers in pistol marksmanship and have also written J.H. Fitzgerald, Firearms Instructor of the New York State Mounted Police, also D.B. Wesson Vice-President of the Smith and Wesson

Arms Company who has given the subject a great deal of study. As soon as I have the ideas of these gentlemen I shall complete this outline of a Course of Fire for all officers of the Border Patrol Service. Such a schedule of practice firing should have a good deal of thought in order to be of the utmost value without an undue expenditure of ammunition. For that reason I had thought it best to get the opinions of others more experienced than myself before making such an outline.

I have written four chapters of the "Manual of the Pistol" Just how many chapters this handbook will contain I cannot say but I hope to make it just as complete as possible.

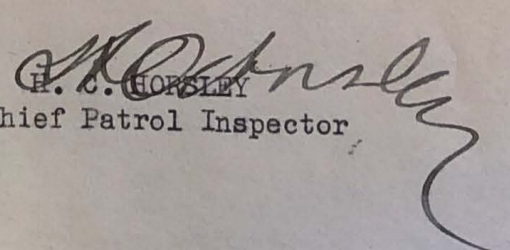
Very respectfully,


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